Road—In Kunnamkulam.

547. **Mr. K. T. Mathew.**—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Government had not received a petition, dated 19th Makaram 1098, from Kakkasseri Chakkunni Ittoop of Kunnamkulam bazaar regarding the opening of a road connecting Puthenpetta bazaar with the main road in Kunnamkulam;

(b) whether the opening of the road was not sanctioned and the petition forwarded to the Chief Engineer to consider including the amount necessary for opening the road in the budget for the year 1099 ;

(c) whether a copy of the Diwan's Proceedings, dated 10th February 1923, relating to the matter be printed and placed on the table;

(d) whether petitions have been subsequently received by the Government for opening this road ; if so, how many have been received and on what dates and from whom they have been received?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) The opening of the road was not sanctioned, but the petition was forwarded to the Chief Engineer for consideration at the time of 1099 budget.

(c) A copy of the Diwan's Proceedings 575/D/98, dated 10th February 1923, Public Works, is appended. (*Appendix XXI.*)

(d) Yes. One petition, dated 28th October 1931, from Mr. P. V. Uthuppu, B. A.

Poramboke paths—Chennamangalam.

548. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 73 of the last session, will the Government be pleased to state the number and nature of poramboke paths existing now in Chennamangalam ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—There are several poramboke canals in the village which form the chief means of communication.

There are no poramboke foot paths there.

Electric light—Jetty.

549. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—With reference to question No. 79 of the last session, will the Government be pleased to state the results of the enquiry promised by them ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—On enquiry it was found that the delay was mainly due to the fact that the Canal Officer in charge was very busy with licensing work and could

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not submit a prompt report after ascertaining the cost of the repairs. It took some time for changing the wires which had been shorted and for taking them along the road to the jetty.

Regarding the Puthenkulangara road, Eroor Desom.

550. Mr. P. Raman Menon.—(a) Is the Government aware of the great inconvenience caused to the public on account of the washing away of portions of the road on both sides of the bridge ;

(b) for what period has the road been in the present condition;

(c) has any action been taken by the Government for repairing the same ;

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, when was such action taken ;

(e) if the answer is in the negative, why repair was not ordered;

(f) is the Government aware that portions of the same road near ഇല്ലിക്കൽ പടി also require immediate repairs?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) Yes.

(b) Since the rise of floods in Karkadagam last.

(c) Yes.

(d) The work was ordered on 21st January 1932.

(e) The question does not arise.

(f) Yes.

Applications for taking over aided schools by Government.

551. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) the number of applications oral or written made to the Government by the authorities of aided schools to have them taken over by the Government since the present Director of Public Instruction took charge of office ;

(b) the number of such applications, if any, before the present Director of Public Instruction took charge of his office;

(c) whether any such applications have been granted ; if so, on what grounds ;

(d) does the Government think of taking over the management of all Aided Educational Institutions?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(a) The information cannot be furnished as no separate register is maintained for this purpose.

(b) No answer is necessary in view of the answer to subdivision (a).

(c) Yes.

On account of the inability of the Managers to run the school.

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